

# Open House Introduces New Medical Center

An open house was held yesterday from two in the afternoon until six in the newly-completed Crenshaw-Sepulveda Medical Center at 22600 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance.

The single story air-conditioned building was planned for full family medical care, surgical, obstetrical, industrial and dental care, according to C. J. Amman, coordinator of the project.

Customized suites surround a central "core" containing a landscaped patio and the x-ray and clinical laboratory.

Each doctor has his own separate examining, consultation and reception rooms. On display is a collection of original oil paintings of European and American artists arranged by Rancewood Interiors, of San Pedro.

Owner of the project is the Crenshaw-Sepulveda Corp., a group of Torrance professional men. President is Dr. Rodney A. Stetson; Dr. Edward W. Knutson is vice-president; Dr. Ralph W. McNeil is secretary-treasurer.

Occupants of the building include Drs. William J. Eckler, Edward W. Knutson, Ralph W. McNeil, Rodney A. Stetson, Richard S. Tenn, John W. Tippin, and William J. Young. Others are Dr. Allen E. Hofferber, a dentist, and Dr. Sherwood A. Van Dyke, a podiatrist.



CONVENIENT PARKING for 150 cars is located on all sides of the newly-completed Crenshaw-Sepulveda Medical Center, 22600 Crenshaw Blvd., Torrance. Adjacent to a large central lobby is the Medical Arts Pharmacy. The lobby features a fireplace. It was designed by Rochlin and Baran, AIA, an architectural firm, and built by Sokol Construction Co., of Beverly Hills.

# New Hospital Move Set

Transfer of equipment and patients from the old army barracks-type buildings of Harbor General Hospital to the new \$15.4 million Acute Unit and Outpatient Clinic is planned for Feb. 22 through 24, A. L. Thomas, hospital administrator, said Friday.

Previously, the transfer had been set for Jan. 25 through 27.

Thomas said the delay was regretted, but unexpected mechanical problems arose which forced the postponement.

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# Eshelman Ave. To Be Improved

A portion of Eshelman Avenue in the Lomita area from W. 253rd St. to W. 255th St. will be improved under a county road department project, according to Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

The project will consist of extending the pavement by constructing asphaltic concrete on aggregate base material.

The improvement will join with existing curb and gutters completed in conjunction with and adjacent tract development, Chace said.

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# 'Young Ghost' Presented by Steel Hour

"Fair Young Ghost," a dramatization of a wartime romance, will be the U.S. Steel Hour's offering Wednesday, Jan. 23, at 10 p.m., channel 2.

Adapted for television by Leonard Moran from a short story by Kenneth Kay, "Fair Young Ghost" unravels the memories of Brock James, played by Robert Lansing, who attempts to recapture reminiscences of events that occurred while stranded at an English inn during World War II.

Many years after peace is declared, and Brock has married his childhood sweetheart, he decides to visit the inn with his wife.

The proprietor tells his two guests of the legend of the fair young ghost who haunts the inn, and whose weeping is often heard in the stillness of the night. Brock remembers his previous visit to the inn, in the company of a young Scottish lass, Allison, played by Shirley Knight, during the bitter air-attacks over Britain in World War II.

"It'll never be at rest if you're unhappy," she had said to him before she was killed in a bombing raid. The tender tale reaches a dramatic climax that threatens to engulf the lives of Brock and his wife.

# 17th Congressional District Democrats Elect Fleetwood

T. D. Fleetwood, 3637 W. 182nd St., Torrance, has been elected chairman of the 17th Congressional District Democratic Council.

A utility man for the Southern California Gas Co., Fleetwood said the council will coordinate all Democratic activities in the district.

The district is composed of the 67th and 68th California Assembly districts and is represented in Congress by Cecil King, a Democrat.

Others elected are Samuel Flood, San Pedro, vice-chairman; Lionel Cade, Compton, treasurer; Mrs. Bernice Wood, Hawthorne, recording secretary, and Mrs. Janet Jones, Compton, corresponding secretary.

The election meeting was held Monday night in the

American Savings and Loan Center.



U.S. AIR FORCE recruiting service announced this week that the newly-located recruiting office at 1616 Cabrillo Ave., Torrance, is now officially open. Recruiters assigned to man the new office are: Staff Sgt. William G. Edwards Tech Sgt. Clark B. Graham; Staff Sgt. Raymond Stauble, and Master Sgt. Duane K. Hetler.

# TORRANCE BOY YOUNGEST TO JOIN PEACE CORPS; WANTS 'PEN PALS'

A Torrance boy, Craig Thompson, of 18009 Ardath Ave., was the youngest of the 3,000 volunteers to be accepted into the Peace Corps when he entered the corps last year.

Now, Craig is serving in Ceylon and would be glad to arrange "pen pals" for those youngsters who would be interested in forming a friendship by mail with Seylonese.

In a letter home, Craig thinks back over his experiences and decides that "training was something I'd never want to go through again, but I would never trade it for anyone's riches."

Of the 52 who entered training with Craig, 13 were dropped and the remaining 39, after a brief visit to their homes, left for Ceylon Sept. 4. He arrived on the 6th.

Entering the city, was quite an experience for Craig Thompson, from Torrance. "Although a quiet entry had been planned," wrote Craig, "attacks by a communist member of parliament and various leftist newspapers made our arrival front page news."

Craig notes that the rainfall of Ceylon is about 200 inches per year, and the population now is rising rapidly, "at the highest rate in Asia, with the exception of Formosa, and now stands at almost ten million."

The Peace Corps volunteer trained for three weeks in the mountain areas of Ceylon and was assigned to Dharmaraja College in Kandy, Ceylon.

Craig commented that, although it is called a college, the level of learning is the same as an American high school.

He works as an assistant leader of physical and health education at the 99-percent Buddhist school.

Craig said his two most hair-raising experiences were having to sleep in an old school auditorium one night with over 500 bats, and an accident while riding in a cab.

He said that he will be in Ceylon until 1964. His address for prospective pen pals, is Craig Thompson, Peace Corps Volunteer, care of American Embassy, Peace Corps, Colombo, Ceylon.

# Some Background on Postage Hike; Postal Costs Up, Others Go Down

The lightest, thinnest, first class letter in a sealed envelope cost Torrance people five cents to send — for the second time in American history. The earlier nickel letter gave way to lower postage because the Postal Service lowered its costs per letter. That was in 1851.

This year total appropriations for the postal establishment are \$4.5 billion. The whole Government of the United States, including national debt service and veterans' benefits, was run on only a little more than that amount in 1932-33 — approximately 5 billion dollars.

People were cussing about high taxes even then, but just since the end of World War II, postal costs have about quadrupled. They have risen from \$1.1 billion in 1945 to an estimated \$4.5 billion in 1963.

If that was to continue budget requirements in the next 17 years would reach an appalling level. The Postmaster General is the source of that view.

Can Experts say the Postal Service can cut its costs, and point to what has been done by one major communication service, an dby some outstanding distribution businesses of the country.

A telephone call from coast to coast can be made today for \$2.25 but cost \$16.50 in the nineteen twenties. The telephone company began to automate its service, a stage at a time, until now you can dial direct almost any phone in the country to almost any other.

In this time telephone employment has more than doubled to 730,000 men and women. It could not have been done unless the changes had been made a step at a time.

The Postal Service, by contrast, also obtained its first mechanizing equipment in the twenties, but has not spent any important amount in improving sorting, handling and distributing mail. The Post Office through a

period of 12 years said it had 183 machines in 85 offices.

Contrast these figures: Of every \$100 in appropriations, the Post Office spends only 33 cents for research, development and mechanization. Private industry, on the other hand, spends an average of \$3 out of every \$100 for research alone.

The Post Office told Congress its investment in mechanical equipment per employee is \$700. For all U.S. industry, the average is \$2,000 per employee.

A different story of handling distributions costs is found in the food chain business. One example: A large chain had 15,709 stores in 39 states in the 1930s and found the numerous small locations eating up profits. By 1962 it consolidated to 4,409 supermarkets in the same 39 states. It multiplied its floor space, the volume of business done and the number of customers served. Employment tripled in the same period.

By contrast, the Postal Service maintains 35,000 distribution points. In Westchester County, overwhelmingly the two-car family type, — there is an average of one post office to each 4,040 residents. The county has 5 post offices and 150 branches where mail is handled almost precisely as it was in 1890. These 200 postal service stations are less than 2 1/2 miles apart.

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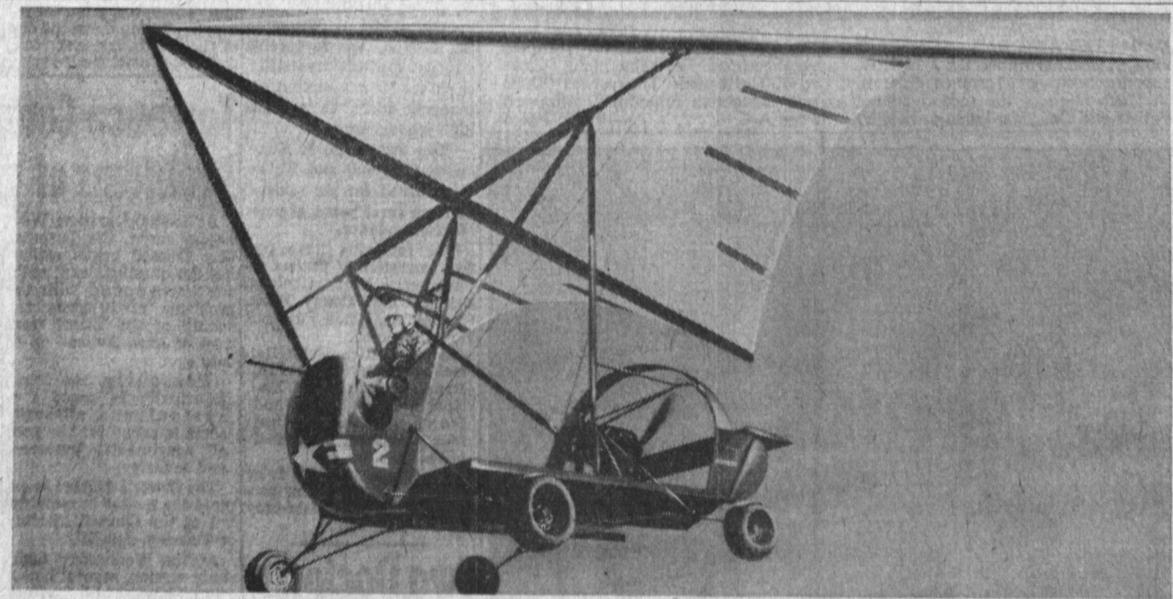
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FLEEP FLEES FREEWAYS to fly in this artist's conception of a Flexible Wing Aerial Utility Vehicle, built by Ryan Aeronautical Co. Ryan has been awarded a \$700,000 Army contract for the design, fabrication, and test of two such vehicles. They will be similar to the world's first manned, power Flex Wing test vehicle. The "Fleep" design calls for a payload of 1000 pounds, a 100-mile range, and a take-off distance of 300 feet. The "Fleep" contract was one of three research contracts totaling \$1.8 million awarded Ryan by the Army last August, covering various flexible wing applications.

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# Music Scholarship Auditions Begin Feb. 11

Auditions for scholarships to the Julliard School of Music students graduating from high school in the Torrance area, or those already in college, will be held in Los Angeles, Feb. 11th and 12th.

The auditions will be held at the Assistance League Playhouse, under the supervision of the Southern California Julliard Alumni Assn.

Applications for auditions should be made in writing and accompanied by a letter of recommendation from a teacher or musical supervisor. Application and letter should be directed to Edward L. Paul, 133 N. Vine St., Hollywood 28, Calif.

# L.A. CORE Protests Wilson-Watt Tract

The Los Angeles Chapter of the Congress of Racial Equality has urged the City Council to withdraw its approval of Torrance's new \$30 million development, it was disclosed at its Council last night.

In a letter to the Council, CORE accused Don Wilson and Ray Watt, joint developers of the huge Marble Estates property south of Sepulveda and west of Crenshaw, of discrimination.

# SALUTE TO BAJA

A "Salute to Baja California" Feb. 24 with Gov. Eli Mendez Esquivel as featured speaker, will be the highlight of the Riverside County National Date Festival. Festival dates are Feb. 15 through 24.

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